

**Halsey's Store
HA 1930**

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1930

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Halsey's Store

2. Location

street & number 709 Old Pylesville Store N/A not for publication

city, town Pylesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 5th

state Maryland _____ county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Paul Halsey, Jr.

street & number 3962 Street Road telephone no.: (410)452-8610

city, town Street state and zip code Maryland, 21154

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber HDC 1212

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl. folio 960

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

pository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This one story frame store building is located on the south side of Old Pylesville Road in the village of Pylesville, Maryland. It is a rectangular building that rests perpendicular to Old Pylesville Road and has a large, steep gable roof; the gable end fronts the road. The building has been completely remodelled within the past three years, to include exterior vinyl siding and major interior modifications. The foundation is of cinder block.

The building is accessed on the long east side via double commercial doors which are protected by a simple gable roof portico. Fenestration is sparse throughout the building, with a single 1/1 sash to the right of the entrance, three single windows spaced over the right gable end fronting the road and one at the gable, and a single window at the rear towards the left gable end. An attached sign (with the word "AG" on it) and fuel pumps at the roadside make it an obvious commercial establishment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<i>recreation</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This store was built in 1934 by Paul and Hollis Halsey, who bought the surrounding land and stone house (Wilson-Halsey Stone House, HA 1929) in 1927. The structure was built as general store and ice cream shop, with two small in the southern end for living quarters.¹ As the Halsey's were dairy farmers, ice cream was made on the premises. A public in-ground pool was built two years later, the first in the county according to Sherry Fullerton, current owner and granddaughter of the original owner.² The pool was fed by a stream on the property. The Health Department required the closing of the pool ten years later with the building of North Harford Highschool, which is upstream from the pool site.

The store building is a simple and functional structure which has been remodelled considerably. No photographs were attained for a view of how it appeared prior to three years ago.

¹Conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Halsey, Jr. January 24, 1996.

²Conversation with Mrs. Sherry Fullerton, March 23, 1995.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached Sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 181.43 acres (part of)Quadrangle name Fawn GroveQuadrangle scale 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting					Northing			

B

Zone	Easting					Northing			

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 60, Tax Map 5

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state none code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dianne Klairorganization Harford County Planning and Zoning date March 1996street & number 220 S. Main Street telephone (410)638-3103city or town Bel Air state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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HALSEY'S STORE Title Search

HDC 1212/960	November 3, 1983	Grantor: W. Paul Halsey, Jr. as Representative of Estate of W. Paul Halsey, Sr. Grantee: W. Paul Halsey, Jr. Granted: 181.43 acres with improvements
GRG 837/448	January 19, 1970	Grantor: Zero, Inc. Grantee: W. Paul Halsey, Sr. Granted: One half interest of two land tracts totalling 185 acres to W. Paul Halsey, Sr. and one half interest of same to Hollis M. Halsey.
GRG 837/446	January 19, 1970	Grantor: W. Paul, Sr. and Hollis M. Halsey Grantee: Zero, Inc. Granted: 185 acres with improvements
(1) <u>100 acres</u>		
DGW 203/171	April 20, 1927	Grantor: Thomas M. and Sarah Fender Grantee: W. Paul and Hollis M. Halsey Granted: 100 acres composed of tracts "Wilson's Chance", "Genoa", and "Scheming Defied".
DGW 195/481	February 24, 1926	Grantor: Philip H. Close, Attorney for Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham of North Carolina Grantee: Thomas M. and Sarah Fender Granted: same, which had been sold at auction to the Cockerhams on February 20, 1926 for \$12,000.00.
DGW 186/431	April 5, 1924	Grantor: Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham Grantee: Beaufort and Jennie Cockerham Granted: same
JAR 158/252	January 5, 1918	Grantor: William F. and Maggie B. Stubbs Grantee: Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham Granted: same, for \$9,000.00
WSF 122/174	October 15, 1907	Grantor: Samuel W. and J. Mollie Wilson Grantee: William F. Stubbs Granted: same, for \$3800.00

WSF 96/187	March 16, 1899	Grantor: James W. Davis et al. Grantee: J. Mollie Wilson Granted: 100 acres for \$900.00, no improvements mentioned. Land described as adjoining lands of Nathan I. Pyle.
WSF 93/385	January 25, 1898	Grantor: James W. McNabb and Stevenson A. Williams, Trustees from Equity Case on May 20, 1897 Grantee: James W. Davis and William B. Davis Granted: 113 and 3/4 acres, land of the late George A. Davis, and described in the following four deeds (A,B,C,D).
ALJ 69/71 (A)	June 20, 1879	Grantor: Robert and Elizabeth Caskey Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 90 acres, "Wilson's Chance", "Genoa", and "Scheming Defied"
HD 29/90	November 22, 1843	Grantor: Andrew and Elizabeth Wilson Grantee: Robert Caskey Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres with improvements for \$1,800.00 See (D3).
ALJ 50/464 (B)	August 26, 1884	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, Trustee Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 3 and 3/4 acres, improvements mentioned, part of "Wilson's Chance"
WHD 19/96 (C)	May 30, 1867	Grantor: John T. and Demelia V. Streett Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 13 acres and 5 perches, part of "Genoa" for \$521.25
WSF 75/95 (D)	September 17, 1892	Grantor: James W. and Bertha G. Davis Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 20 acres for \$550.00, no improvements mentioned.
ALJ 65/151	May 13, 1889	Grantor: William B. Davis Grantee: James W. Davis Granted: 48 acres 3 roods and 11 perches for \$450.00

Will Record WSR 9/404	February 16, 1883	Will Record of Samuel W. Wallace divides equally part of his estate of approximately 48 acres, composed of three parcels and described as follows, to grandchildren James W. Davis, William B. Davis, and J. Mollie Davis. Wallace devises to daughters Martha E. Davis and Annie W. Wallace the farm on which he resides, except for that part which belongs to wife, Sarah A. Wallace.
ALJ 5/445 (D1)	April 6, 1855	Grantor: David W. and Mary Caskey Grantee: Samuel W. Wallace Granted: 15 and 1/4 acres of "Genoa" for \$725.00. Interestingly, a initial parcel marker is described asa "stone set in ground on west side of the public road near the house".
ALJ 2/48	September 4, 1852	Grantor: Robert and Elizabeth Caskey Grantee: David W. Caskey Granted: 15 and 1/4 acres of "Genoa" "beginning at a stone set in the ground on west side of public road near the house and marked with the letters A.W." for \$175.00.
HD 29/90	November 22, 1843	Grantor: Andrew and Elizabeth Wilson Grantee: Robert Caskey Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres of tracts "Wilson's Chance", "Scheming Defied", and "Genoa", improvements mentioned, for \$1800.00.
HD 19/277	September 17, 1836	Grantor: Archibald (son) and Agnes B. Wilson Grantee: Andrew Wilson (father) Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres as above. Andrew granted to Archibald "all that farm and land on which he lived", Archibald now desirous that he [Andrew] have and repossess the same".
HD 15/351	1832	Grantor: Andrew Wilson Grantee: Archibald Wilson Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres of the "messenger and farm where Andrew Wilson now dwells".
HD 15/240	1832	Grantor: St. Clair Streett et al. Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 55 and 1/2 acres of "Genoa" for \$550.00, no improvements mentioned.

HD 7/301	1824	Grantor: St. Clair Streett Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 5 and 1/2 acres 72 perches of "Scheming Defied" for \$105.00, no improvements mentioned.
HD 5/191	1821	Grantor: Samuel Wilson et al. (Archibald Wilson's heirs) Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 41 and 1/2 acres of "Wilson's Chance", no improvements mentioned.
WHD 19/97 (D2)	May 30, 1867	Grantor: George A. and Janie M. Davis Grantee: Samuel W. Wallace Granted: 13 acres 91 perches of "Genoa" for \$542.75, no improvements mentioned.
No reference (D3)		"All that other belonging to me on the north side of the road leading from Pylesville to Wilsons X roads containing 20 acres."
 (2) <u>85 acres</u>		
GCB 298/385	August 1, 1946	Grantor: M. Corinne Davis (widow of Charles D. Davis) et al. Grantee: W. Paul and Hollis M. Halsey Granted: 85 acres (check for imp.)
WSF 96/190	May 12, 1899	Grantor: Calvin C. Davis et al. Grantee: Charles D. Davis Granted: same land as bequeathed to Charles and Calvin Davis in will of Martha (Davis) September 5, 1885, Will Records WSR 10/133.
Will Record WSF 10/33	September 5, 1885	Martha E. Davis devises to sons Charles and Calvin 85 and 1/2 acres which she acquired from father, Samuel W. Wallace, and purchased with sister, Annie W. Wilson (Wallace). To Charles was given 40 acres, to Calvin was given 45 and 1/2 acres. See Will Record of Samuel Wallace February 16, 1883 WSR 9/404.
ALJ 35/497	1877	Grantor: Samuel W. Wallace Grantee: Martha E. Davis

HDG 31/409

September 5, 1844

Grantor: Samuel Wilson

Grantee: Samuel Wallace

Granted: 1/2 interest in all land that Samuel Wilson owns, no
acreage provided, formerly belonging to Andrew
Wilson. See (D3).

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Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.





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Halsey's Store

Hartford County, Maryland

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View Southeast from Old Dylesville Road

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